AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-18 (Canceled)

19. (New) A cosmetic and/or dermatological formulation comprising at least two active materials in a multiple emulsion consisting of an internal aqueous phase dispersed in an internal oily phase, the whole being dispersed in an external aqueous phase; the multiple emulsion being optionally mixed with a simple emulsion consisting of an external oily phase dispersed in an external aqueous phase:

the internal oily phase comprising at least one nonionic surfactant and/or at least one amphiphilic polymer and optionally at least one hydrophobic active material;

the external aqueous phase comprising at least one nonionic surfactant and/or at least one nonionic amphiphilic polymer optionally combined with at least one anionic amphiphilic polymer or comprising at least one anionic amphiphilic polymer optionally combined with at least one anionic surfactant;

at least one hydrophilic active material which is present in the internal aqueous phase; and

at least one active material which is present in a soluble or solubilized form or in the form of a solid dispersed in the external aqueous phase, or which is present in the external oily phase.

20. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the surfactant and/or the polymer present in the internal oily phase simultaneously satisfy the two conditions below:

when they are mixed with the internal oily phase, at a concentration between 0.1 and 10% by weight of said phase at 25°C, they are in the form of a solution in the whole or part of the concentration range indicated; and

when they are mixed with the internal aqueous phase, at a concentration between 0.1 and 10% by weight of said phase and at 25°C, they are in the form of a dispersion in the whole or part of the concentration range indicated.

21. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the quantity of nonionic surfactant and/or nonionic amphiphilic polymer represents 2 to 10% by weight of the internal aqueous phase.

22. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the content of hydrophilic active material present in the internal aqueous phase is between 0.1 and 50% by weight of the internal aqueous phase.

23. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the inverse emulsion has an aqueous phase/oily phase weight ratio of between 10/90 and 90/10.

24. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the internal aqueous phase further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of alkali metal halides, alkaline-earth metal halides, alkali metal sulfates, alkaline-earth metal sulfates, sugars, and polysaccharides.

25. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 24, wherein the concentration of the halide or sulfate additive in the internal aqueous phase is between 0.05 and 1 mol/l, and/or the concentration of sugar or polysaccharide is such that the osmotic pressure of the internal aqueous phase comprising the sugar and/or the polysaccharide corresponds to the osmotic pressure of an internal aqueous phase comprising 0.05 to 1 mol/l of salt.

26. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the surfactant and/or the polymer present in the external aqueous phase satisfy the two conditions below:
when they are mixed with the external aqueous phase, at a concentration between 0.1 and 10% by weight of said phase at 25°C, they are in the form of a solution in the whole or part of the concentration range indicated; and
when they are mixed with the internal oily phase, at a concentration between 0.1 and 10% by weight of said phase and at 25°C, they are in the form of a dispersion in the whole or part of the concentration range indicated.

27. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the external aqueous phase further comprises at least one thermothickening polymer.

28. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 27, wherein the thermothickening polymer is a polymer exhibiting a rise in viscosity between 25 and 80°C such that the value of the $\log_{10}$(viscosity at 80°C)/$\log_{10}$(viscosity at 25°C) ratio is at least equal to at least 1.

29. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 27, wherein the thermothickening polymer content is between 0.2 and 10% by weight of the external aqueous phase.

30. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the external aqueous phase of the multiple emulsion further comprises at least one thickening polymer.

31. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 30, wherein the content of thickening polymer is between 0.1 and 2% by weight relative to the external aqueous phase.

32. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, having a weight ratio of inverse emulsion in relation to the external aqueous phase in the multiple emulsion of between 30/70 and 90/10.

33. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the osmotic pressures of the external aqueous phase and of the internal aqueous phase are balanced by adding to the external aqueous phase at least one additive being alkali or alkaline-earth metal halides, alkali or alkaline-earth metal sulfates, or sugars or alternatively polysaccharides.

34. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 33, wherein the dispersed external oily phase represents 1 to 50% by weight of the external aqueous phase.

35. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 19, wherein the external aqueous phase further comprises at least one dispersed solid.

36. (New) The formulation as claimed in claim 35, wherein the dispersed solid represents 1 to 50% by weight of the external aqueous phase.